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Howard Yepsom gave me ^{today} an 8"x10" color photograph ^{of the Crystal Band} that was taken at the Annual Spring Concert in the North Plains High School on 04-28-1985. Photograph filed in SRP photograph drawer at Elkhdale.

^{this afternoon at the BBC} Howard and I (mostly SRP) prepared the CHS&M financial report that is given on the preceding page. This report will be presented on Thursday night ⁸⁻¹⁻⁸⁵ at the CHS&M meeting. What a mess we had to sort through in order to arrive at this "final distillation" -- I was only able to produce this distillation when Howard went home, around 5 P.M., for supper. I completed the report in his absence; he returned and brought with him some food (tossed salad, rice & beans, iced tea) that Barbara prepared for SRP. I showed him the handwritten text of what I had done & he was very pleased; he took his leave; I produced this final typed report on the word processor & made a copy & sent it to Howard, via the U.S. Postal Service, on my way out of town.

As yet do no couch, I worked for several hours on my Brisson paper -- the descendant list had to be updated. In the middle of the afternoon today I deposited the original microfiche copy of Preparatory Notes... 1985 in the vault of the Liberty Discount & Savings Bank, Carbondale. What a good feeling that gave me! Year and year and year of painstaking genealogical work is now more or less safe. I will now have ^{make} copies of the microfiche copy of PN... 1985, and I will give them as Christmas presents to the various members of the family.

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a fair number of the 204 C&P/GR Newsletters (which were mailed yesterday from the Carbondale Post office) should be received today. How I would love to be the proverbial fly on the wall in the various Clinton/Brisson houses and see the response of the recipients. Such was one of my thoughts as I lay in bed & mated -- I could hear rain also. DWP will perhaps get a break from grass cutting / golf course maintenance because of the rain. The garden needs rain, not desperately but they do need rain. The gourds and sunflowers & pumpkin and corn and beans are growing beautifully at present. Several sunflowers in the Dunduff bed are easily ten feet high and have not yet blossomed! No corn has straightened out / up after the rain / wind storm of last week, and now the corn's tassels are very visible. Listen to me. I sound like the ^{potent} parent of six-year old child. Nevertheless! -- the pleasure of gardening are hard to match. I agree with Alice B. Toklas who said: "There is nothing that is comparable to it, as satisfying or as thrilling, as gathering the vegetables one has grown."

It occurs to me that I should draw up a master list of things that I have "put up" this year:

- maple syrup
 - cheese
 - yogurt - weekly
 - flower petals
 - Bee balm - 1 quart, July 85
 - orange mint - June on
 - Tinker Creek mint - June on
 - oregano - June on
 - sweet basil - June on
 - Choke Cherry jelly - 3 pints; 7/27-28/85
 - strawberry conserve
 - vegetables harvested (radishes, lettuce, Swiss Chard, pole beans)
- three made so far:
- 1-4-27-85 - in black wax
 - 2-5-3-85 - in black wax; eaten starting 6-4-85
 - 3-5-17-85 - in red wax; eaten starting 7/26/85
- maingress - from June on
lavender - July
lilies (road) - June - July
roses - June - July
- last night I started a new yogurt culture; see hereafter, p. 3